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SUBJECT: SENATOR LIEBERMAN'S FEBRUARY 17 MEETING WITH GAMAL MUBARAK

Classified By: Ambassador Margaret Scobey for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

Summary

[¶1.](#) (C) During an hour-long meeting on February 17, Gamal Mubarak discussed with Senator Joseph Lieberman the problems with Gaza and Palestinianis

Gaza

[¶2.](#) (C) After welcoming Senator Lieberman, Gamal began by criticizing the Israeli government's "last minute" decision not to move forward on th

Iranian Exploitation of Arab Divisions

[¶3.](#) (C) Another complicating factor, Gamal explained, is the current split within Arab ranks between "moderates" (Egypt and Saudi Arabia) and "

U.S. Re-engagement with Tehran?

[¶4.](#) (C) Senator Lieberman asked Gamal if he thought the United States should re-engage with Iran. "As long as Ahmedinejad is there, I am skepti

[¶5.](#) (C) There are many in the region, Gamal explained, who believe that the U.S. was weakened by its actions in Iraq, and that Iran was strengt Secretary Clinton and Special Envoy Mitchell. Gamal welcomed this reassurance, noting that the GCC states in particular are "terrified" of Irar

Qatar

[¶6.](#) (C) Senator Lieberman then asked Gamal for his assessment of Qatari behavior. They are coordinating closely with Syria and Iran, Gamal said

Egypt's Economy

[¶7.](#) (C) Turning to the impact of the global financial crisis on Egypt, Gamal -- a former international banker -- said that while Egypt has so f

[¶8.](#) (U) This cable was cleared by Senator Lieberman.
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